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Did Aide Write LBJ Praise?



MARVIN WATSON
Praise in His Pocket?



EDWARD LONG
Faces Threat at Polls



THOMAS CURTIS
May Run Against Sen. Long

Who wrote the "statement of accord" in which Democratic governors meeting in St. Louis last weekend loudly praised President Johnson?

Some claimed it was a joint product of the governors themselves.

But the general view was that White House aide Marvin Watson just happened to have it in his pocket when he arrived in St. Louis to brief the governors on party affairs.

Johnson didn't finally consent to show up at the meeting until he received word by telephone that the governors had adopted the laudatory statement.

The governors cooled their heels for about two hours after their meeting had ended, waiting for the President to fly up from Texas to say their support was "music" to his ears.

Politics and Sen. Long

Sen. Edward V. Long, D-Mo., up for re-election next year, may face tough opposition in both the primary and general elections as the result of the disclosure that he shared legal fees with the attorney who represents Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa.

Long previously had no primary opposition, but Missouri Democratic leaders now believe his political career has been seriously damaged, not so much by the disclosure of the fee-sharing but by his refusal to disclose any information about the arrangement and thus clear the air.

In addition, Long faces a possible investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee. As a result, Republicans are urging Rep. Thomas B. Curtis, R-Mo., to consider making a **serious race against the senator.**

On the Democratic side, the state's lieutenant governor, Thomas F. Eagleton; former Gov. John M. Dalton; Rep. Richard M. Ichord, D-Mo., W. True Davis, an assistant secretary of the Treasury, and a number of other men are being urged to enter the primary.

A CIA First?

The current issue of *The China Quarterly*, the leading scholarly journal for China-watchers, contains an article on Mao Tse-tung's cultural revolution written by Philip Bridgham.

What is noteworthy is that in the biographical notes about its contributors, the journal identifies Bridgham as "a research analyst for the CIA."

This is believed to be the first time that one of the CIA's analysts has been allowed to state his affiliation in an article under his name.

Usually, such articles in scholarly journals carry the euphemism, "a student of Chinese affairs," or the like.

Elusive Stability

Stability was the keynote of Congolese Ambassador Cyrille Adoula's informal talk to a meeting of the International Monetary Fund executive board early Wednesday morning.

Months of negotiation then culminated in the board's approval of the Congo's first funds from the IMF—a \$27 million line of credit over the next 12 months.

It wasn't until board members got back to their desks and picked up a summary of the morning's news that they learned planes had put down foreign mercenaries in Kisangani, precipitating another Congo crisis.